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## **Robert L. Cutcher Retires After Almost 45 Years of Government Service**

On February 28, 2006 Robert L. Cutcher retired from the Washington State Patrol with over 22 years of service. He also had over 2 years with the Department of Social and Health Services, giving him almost 25 years as a Washington state employee. In 1981 he retired as a Chief radioman after serving over 20 years with the United States Navy.

Bob was born in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from Clay Senior High School. Cutcher started his state service in 1981 with the Department of Social and Health Services and was hired by the State Patrol as a Communications Officer 1 in Bremerton on October 24, 1983. He was promoted to Communications Officer 4 in 1995 as manager in Vancouver, and transferred as the manager in Tacoma in 1998.

As manager of Tacoma, one of the Patrol's busiest communications centers, he implemented and managed improvements in virtually all areas within the center to include new enhanced 911, new computer aided dispatch, new ergonomic work stations, new logging recorder, new hiring process and new training program. These changes improved both the work environment as well as the quality of service to the public.

During his career, Cutcher received numerous awards and recognition for his outstanding performance including facilitator of the Department's Diversity in the Workplace Training program; leader of the New Candidate Testing program; and member of the state's AMBER Alert Web Portal project.

Assistant Chief Les Young presented the traditional retirement plaque and certificates of appreciation, and recognized Bob Cutcher for "his outstanding dedication and service to the Patrol and Washington state".

At a retirement ceremony Cutcher said, "I was fortunate to be part of a great team and have a very rewarding career in public service." Bob Cutcher has seven grown daughters - Fatima, Jamila, Khadija, Mina, Naima, Rajaa and Sadia. He and his wife, Aicha, will reside in Tacoma.

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